

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An entertainment apparatus, comprising:

an antenna system;

5 a transceiver system coupled with said antenna system and being configured to communicate with a first database system via said antenna system; and

a user interface for communicating with the first database system via said transceiver system and having a communication port that is configured to communicate with a personal entertainment system,

10 wherein the personal entertainment system is configured to download and store a first selected file from the first database system via said communication port and to present the first selected file regardless of whether the personal entertainment system is in communication with said communication port.

2. An entertainment apparatus, comprising:

15 a communication interface being disposed on a vehicle and configured to communicate with a first database system; and

a user interface being disposed on the vehicle, being in communication with said communication interface, and having a communication port that is configured to communicate with a personal entertainment system,

20 wherein the personal entertainment system is configured to download and store a first selected file from the first database system via said communication port and to present the first selected file regardless of whether the personal entertainment system is in communication with said communication port.

3. An entertainment system, comprising:

a first database system;

a communication interface being disposed on a vehicle and configured to communicate with said first database system; and

5 a user interface being disposed on the vehicle, being in communication with said communication interface, and having a communication port that is configured to communicate with a personal entertainment system,

wherein the personal entertainment system is configured to download and store a first selected file from the first database system via said communication port and to present the first
10 selected file regardless of whether the personal entertainment system is in communication with said communication port.

4. A method for downloading files while traveling on a vehicle, comprising:

providing a user interface being in communication with a communication interface, said user interface and said communication interface being installed on said vehicle;

15 coupling a personal entertainment system with said user interface;

establishing communications between said communication interface and a first database system;

selecting a file of the first database system;

20 downloading said file from said database system to said personal entertainment system via said user interface;

storing said file within said personal entertainment system; and

presenting said file via said personal entertainment system regardless of whether the personal entertainment system is in communication with said user interface.

5. An aircraft, comprising:

a fuselage;

a passenger seat arranged within the fuselage; and

an entertainment apparatus coupled with said fuselage and comprising:

5 an antenna system coupled with said fuselage;

a transceiver system coupled with said antenna system and being configured to communicate with a first database system via said antenna system; and

a user interface for communicating with the first database system via said transceiver system, said user interface being associated with said passenger seat and
10 having a communication port that is configured to communicate with a personal entertainment system,

wherein the personal entertainment system is configured to download and store a first selected file from the first database system via said communication port and to present the first selected file regardless of whether the personal entertainment system is in communication with
15 said communication port.

6. The aircraft of claim 5, wherein said entertainment apparatus further includes a second database system, said second database system being coupled with said fuselage and configured to communicate with said user interface such that the personal entertainment system is configured to download and store a second selected file from the second database system via
20 said communication port and to present the second selected file regardless of whether the personal entertainment system is in communication with said communication port.

7. The aircraft of claim 5, wherein said transceiver system and said user interface are configured to communicate via a distribution system.

8. The aircraft of claim 7, wherein said distribution system comprises a wireless distribution system.

9. The aircraft of claim 5, wherein said transceiver system is configured to communicate with the first database system via a satellite communication system.

5 10 The aircraft of claim 5, wherein said transceiver system is configured to communicate with the first database system via a cellular communication system.

11. The aircraft of claim 5, wherein said communication port is configured to communicate with the personal entertainment system via a wireless communication system.